

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 1, a block diagram of a portion of a telecommunication network according to one embodiment of the invention is shown. An Element Management System (EMS) 10 includes an event logger 12, which maintains a plurality of local buffers 14. The EMS 10 also includes a proxy 16 in communication with the event logger 12, and which maintains at least one fixed size proxy buffer 18, the number of proxy buffers being configurable. The proxy 16 includes the Qs channel process discussed elsewhere herein. The event logger 12 is in communication with a plurality of network elements 20 for which the EMS is responsible. Each local buffer 14 maintained by the event logger 12 corresponds to a respective one of the network elements 20. More generally, there is at least one event logger within the EMS, each event logger being in communication with a unique set of at least one network element. Each event logger maintains its own set of local buffers. However, there is only one proxy 16, and each event logger communicates with the proxy 16. The invention will be described with respect to an EMS having only one event logger, but it is to be understood that the functionality of the event logger described below also applies to any additional event loggers at the EMS.